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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT
BAND
(Assisted by the PRIMA DONNA SOCIETY ORCHESTRA)
will give a
FAREWELL CONCERT
in the Theatre Royal
on
THURSDAY, 23rd December, 1897.
Proceeds to be devoted to local Charities.
Further particulars will be announced.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [2726]

WANTED a 7-roomed house in a healthy and convenient locality for occupation from February.
Apply
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [2726]

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.
MEMBERS of the Society are requested to meet in the City Hall on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at 3.30 p.m., when practice will be resumed under the leadership of Mr. G. P. LAMBERT.
ALEX. CUMMING, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [2723]

NOTICE
We beg to inform the public that our business as dealers in Beef has lately been very successful, and the supply of cattle has been so limited that the price is exceedingly high, and our stock has consequently lost a good deal of capital. We beg to say that we have held lately a meeting with regard to the question of raising the price of Beef, in order to prevent further loss of our capital, we all agree to sell our beef at a reasonable higher price. We hope that this modification of price will meet with the satisfaction of the public.
BEEF GUILD.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [2727]

CHRISTMAS SPECIALITIES.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS in various designs.
CANDY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES in fancy boxes of different sizes.
GALLARD and BOWMAN'S ASSORTED TOFFEES and BUTTERSCOTCH.
TOM SMITH'S BAKERS' CHRISTMAS CAKES.
COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE FINEST SWEETS, CHRISTMAS CAKES, PLUM PUDDING, RAISINS, MINCE MEAT, NUTS, &c., &c.
10, 12, Duncan Street.
H. R. HUTTON, 13, d'Almeida Street, Hongkong, and 19 & 20, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [2726]

PUBLIC AUCTION
The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by
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at his Sales Rooms, Zeland Street, No. 2, on
SATURDAY, 11th December, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.,
AN INVOICE OF FINE
JAPANESE PORCELAIN, BRONZES, COLOURED AND UNCOLOURED WARE.
Completing
TEA AND COFFEE SETS, VASES, PLATES, CUPS AND SPOONS, INGENUOUS BURNERS, LACQUERED PHOTO FRAMES, BRONZE VASES AND INCENSE BURNERS, BAMBOOWARE, BRACQUOUS, EAKIMONS, COLOURED VASES AND INCENSE BURNERS, COLOURED PLATES, &c., &c., &c.
Terms of Sale:—An Auctioneer.
On View at the Undersigned's from FRIDAY, 10th inst.
PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL
The Town Depot of the Hongkong Steam Bakery has been REMOVED to No. 24, PRINCE STREET, from this date.
DORABEER ROWE, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 29th November, 1897. [2722]

ENTERTAINMENTS
EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTION!
THEATRE ROYAL
POSITIVELY 7 NIGHTS ONLY
TOMMY LAM
(THURSDAY, 9th December, 1897, and SATURDAY, 11th December, 1897.)
FRANK LINCOLN
The World-Famous Humourist, in his Main Monologue Entertainment, consisting of
MUSICAL TRAVESTIES and SOCIAL SATIRES.
Tickets—\$3.50 & \$1.
Seats may be looked at W. ROBINSON & Co., Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [2726]

BAZAAR
IN AID OF THE
POOR CHINESE ORPHANS
OF THE
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, Governor.
The French Sisters have the honour to announce that their Annual Bazaar will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
They request the presence of their friends and the public in order to support the different needle and fancy work made by their Poor Orphans.
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1897. [2721]

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TO-DAY (THURSDAY), 9th, and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 10th Dec.
The Victoria Regatta Club, having kindly lent the Victoria Recreation Club the German Mail Steamer "Hohenzollern" as Flagship, the Committee request the presence of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong, on Board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.
Through the courtesy of the Chief Manager of the Dock Company, the Funer will convey passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving the New Ferry Wharf at 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. and returning 10 minutes after the last Race.
Admission to the Flagship, \$1 each day.
For the Ladies of the Regatta, the Funer will be reserved for Ladies and their Friends.
Tickets of Admission may be obtained from the Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club, or on board.
By kind permission of Major R. H. Hutton, and the Officers of the Band of the Hongkong Regiment will perform each day.
The Ferry Launch "Wing Lok" will run from Plover's Quay to the Flagship every Half Hour, from 12.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Fare, Ten Cents each way.
W. MACPHER, Acting Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club, Hongkong, 6th December, 1897. [2723]

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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and BLACKWOOD WARE
The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
on
SATURDAY, 11th December, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.,
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, (Having been removed for Convenience of Sale).
A LARGE QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—
SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, FINELY CARVED BREAK OVERMANTEL, with Bevelled Glass, TIERCEIN CARPET RUGS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, PICTURE ORNAMENTS, TAPESTRY and LACE CURTAINS, &c., &c., &c.
FINELY CARVED TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED MIRROR and PANELS, DINING WAGON, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS, DINING and BREAKFAST SERVICE, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c., &c.
BRASS and IRON DOUBLE BED-STEAD, FINELY CARVED PEAK WARDROBE with Bevelled Glass, MARBLED TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET SETS, ENDORES, &c., &c., &c.
IRON COOKING STOVE, PANTRY and BATHROOM FURNITURE.
A few Pieces of BLACKWOOD.
On View from FRIDAY, the 10th Dec. 1897. Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. Terms—As an Auctioneer.
GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [2727]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 25.
THE following Proclamation and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 13th day of DECEMBER, 1897, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.
By Command of His Excellency the Governor.
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [2726]

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The French Sisters have the honour to announce that their Annual Bazaar will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
They request the presence of their friends and the public in order to support the different needle and fancy work made by their Poor Orphans.
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1897. [2721]

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TO-DAY (THURSDAY), 9th, and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 10th Dec.
The Victoria Regatta Club, having kindly lent the Victoria Recreation Club the German Mail Steamer "Hohenzollern" as Flagship, the Committee request the presence of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong, on Board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REG

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At Wenhoo, on the 25th November, the wife of W. S. AYTON, H.B.M. Consul of a son, DEATHS.

At Wenhoo, on the 25th November, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. AYTON.

At Wenhoo, on the 28th November, ELLEN LOUISA, the beloved wife of W. S. AYTON.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9th, 1897.

The British Government has apparently taken up a firm position with respect to the non-recognition of Chinese British subjects in China who neglect to register themselves as such at the Consulate of the district in which they reside. From the telegrams we have published from Singapore it will have been learnt that a Straits Chinaman has got into trouble at Amoy; that he has been thrown into a native gaol; and that the Consul declined to recognise him. Thereupon representations appear to have been made by the aggrieved man's friends to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, who communicated by wire with the Consul at Amoy. The latter functionary then referred the matter to Peking, with the result that Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD declines to take up the case. Against this decision the Governor of the Straits has protested, and the matter will no doubt be referred to the authorities at home, with whom the final decision will rest. Some five months ago a similar case occurred at Shanghai, where a well known Chinese resident was arrested and thrown into prison by the native authorities on the ground of some alleged irregularity. The aggrieved person in that case also claimed to be a British subject, but not having registered himself as such, the Consul declined at first to recognise him. Ultimately, however, intimated no doubt by the strong representations made on the man's behalf, action was taken and his release secured. The Shanghai case would no doubt give rise to a consideration of the whole question of the status of Chinese British subjects in China, and from the attitude assumed in the Amoy case it may be inferred that the decision arrived at was that recognition could not be accorded in cases of non-registration. Speaking generally, this decision must be considered a wise one. It is most undesirable to have

a class of men in China passing as Chinese subjects while all go on well with them, and then as soon as they get into trouble setting up a claim to be treated as British subjects. The existence of such a class is calculated to cause needless friction with the native authorities and to give a great deal of trouble to the various Consulates. Chinese who are entitled to claim British protection are a fully aware of the importance of securing the necessary recognition, and when they fail to do so it may generally be assumed that it is because they consider it will pay them better to pass themselves off as Chinese subjects and not willing to take the risk that course involves. Under such circumstances it seems only reasonable that they should be required to abide by their election. Every rule, however, has its exceptions, and where reasonable ground can be shown it may be proper for the British Government to intervene and claim jurisdiction over the person concerned, notwithstanding his failure to register. Such failure may be the result of an oversight, inadvertence, or ignorance, and under such circumstances it would be hard to leave a British subject to the tender mercies and severe sentences of the native authorities. We know nothing of the circumstances of the Amoy case and cannot say whether it possesses any special features entitling it to exceptional consideration. Possibly the man may have honestly thought his Straits passport sufficient protection without registration at the Consulate, though Straits Chinamen are as a rule wide-awake men who appreciate the risks they run from the native authorities when they return to China. However that may be, we take it that if it can be shown that the case is really a deserving one, protection will be accorded sooner or later, as was done in the Shanghai case. It is well, however, that the risk they run by failure to register should be brought forcibly home to Chinese British subjects in China by not according protection too readily when they have neglected to establish their right to it beforehand.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* sailed from Vancouver on Tuesday, p.m., the 7th inst.

The *Boat Guild* will have a further increase in the price of beef, owing to the scarcity and high price of cattle.

H.M.S. *Edgar* left Amoy for Hongkong on the 28th November. H.M.S. *Porpoise* is expected to leave Colombo on the 21st December.

The O. & C. steamer *Galle*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Japan, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 7th inst.

A farewell concert is to be given by the West Yorkshire Band, assisted by the Philharmonic Society, on the 28th December, at the Theatre Royal on Thursday, 28th December.

We would remind our readers of Mr. Frank Lincoln's entertainment this evening. These who attend may be sure of a pleasant evening's amusement and many a hearty laugh.

The hon. treasurer of the Alliance Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals has to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Fruit & Vegetable Guild 35d.

The O. & C. steamer *Optic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, left the 13th inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port this morning, via Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai.

Members of the Philharmonic Society will observe from the advertisement in another column that the chorus is requested to meet in the City Hall on Monday next, when practice will be resumed under the conductorship of Mr. G. F. LAMBERT.

The Toyon Kaisha has arranged with the Pacific Mail and O. & C. Companies to open a steamship service between San Francisco and Hongkong. After June, each of the 7 Tanaka steamers, which will have three steamers, making nine in all, on the line.

The Nova Scotia ship *John MacLeod*, from Dalrymple, arrived at the Black Rock at the entrance of Halifax harbor on the 7th November during a dense fog. The crew left in the boats and the vessel sank soon afterwards in thirty fathoms.

H.E. the Governor has confirmed the following appointments in the Police Force:—
Inspectors: Batten and Kemp, to first class; and Inspectors: Dunham and Hamann to be second class Inspectors; Sergeant: Robertson, Baker, and Gillies, to be third class Inspectors.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. have issued for 1898 a novel and dainty calendar, "The Danzig Girl," the calendar for the different months being printed on the folds of the skirt. From Messrs. Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., we have received a copy of a small metal frame, on which the firm's advertisement is conspicuously stamped. The Sperry Flour Company has issued a series of small calendars, each with a different illustration, the subjects being children.

From the Customs Gazette for July-September we learn that the number of vessels entered at Wanchow in the month of July was 81 foreign river steamers, 12 foreign sailing vessels, 74 Chinese-owned river steamers, and 1 Chinese-owned sailing vessel, the total tonnage being 10,774. The revenue collected was HK. \$1,352,345. Amongst the imports were 1,343 pieces of cotton piece goods, 3,870 dozens handkerchiefs, 273 pieces English yarn, 13,833 pieces Indian yarn, 384 pieces Japanese yarn, 5,239 pieces woolen goods, 439 pairs blankets, 1,572 pieces cloth, and 1,000 pairs of shoes.

Samahit, the trade was comparatively small and the total collection amounted only to \$1,200.

Mrs. Ayton, whose death at Wenhoo was recorded, was a daughter of Canon Macdonald, who spent the best years of his life in China, and a niece of Sir Harry Parkes. The *W. G. Daily News* of the 4th December says:—The news of the unexpected death at Wenhoo of Mrs. W. S. Ayton on the 28th ult. was received here yesterday with great interest and deep regret. As Miss Ellen Macdonald and her husband, a well known Chinese resident, were well known and respected in nearly every part of China, and there is no one who knew her so well and so tenderly sympathetic with her sorrowing husband, children, and other relatives.

Messrs. S. W. Jones & Co. in their metal report dated 10th November (the London Standard) has been a very firm one in the pig iron market, notwithstanding the continuance of the dispute in the engineering trade. Shipments have been very heavy from Middlebrook, and the price of pig iron has risen considerably at land, and stocks have been reduced. Prices have advanced steadily, the total advance being 4d. per ton in Scotch iron, and 3d. per ton in Cleveland. At Middlebrook, a very considerable trade has recently been done, and the position is very strong, and prospects decidedly good. In the manufacturing trade in the Midlands a good amount of work has been secured, and the market is very strong, and there is a tendency to better figures. In the higher priced metals there has been a slight advance. Copper has been about 25s. per ton during the month, but is now steady. Tin is about 75s. per ton, with a slight upward tendency. Spelter is practically unchanged in value, and is steady. Lead is about 25s. per ton, and is steady.

The last day or two have been very dry, and the weather is generally clear, but the temperature is not so high as it was some days ago.

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A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Stewart, Chairman, presiding.

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